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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 5'-untranslated region, a coding region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human Phospholipid scramblase I (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with one of said regions and inhibits the expression of human Phospholipid scramblase I.

lo. (amended) A method of inhibiting the expression of Phospholipid scramblase I in cells or tissues comprising contacting cells or tissues in vitro with the antisense compound of claim I so that expression of Phospholipid scramblase I is inhibited.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 have been rejected. Claims 11 and 16-10 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the iplication greaters.